Availability of oil reserves in Rajasthan

4064. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest up-to-date estimated capacity of crude oil reserves found in Barmer region of Rajasthan;

(b) whether a Refinery would be set up in Rajasthan for processing of this crude oil;

(c) if so, the time-frame thereof;

(d) by when the production of petroleum products is likely to be started from these reserves; and

(e) the share of Rajasthan in the profit of this production and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) According to the development plan submitted by the operator to the Management Committee (for 4 commercial discoveries) in the block RJ-ON-90/1, located in Barmer district of Rajasthan, in-place oil reserves are estimated to be about 1158 Million Barrels with recoverable reserve of 321 Million Barrels.

(b) and (c) Mangalore Refinery Private Limited (MRPL) has been designated the nominee for purchase of entire crude oil from RJ-ON-90/1 block. A final investment decision on setting up a new refinery will be taken based on study of relevant factors such as crude oil pricing and economic feasibility.

(d) Commercial production is expected to commence by end 2008.

(e) The State Government will get royalty from this production.

Share of Rajasthan in oil exploration

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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